

Health & Social Care Partnership

**East Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership
Integration Joint Board
05 February 2025 at 2pm
Council Chambers/ MS Teams**

Present:

*Dr Sukhomoy Das, NHS Non-Executive Director (Chair)
 Mr Craig McArthur, Director of Health and Social Care
 Ms Dalene Steele, Associate Nurse Director
 *Councillor Clare Maitland, East Ayrshire Council
 *Councillor Douglas Reid, East Ayrshire Council
 *Councillor Barry Douglas, East Ayrshire Council
 Ms Arlene Bunton, Scottish Care Representative/Independent Sector Lead
 Dr Alexia Pellowe, Clinical Director
 *Ms Jennifer Wilson, NHS Executive Nurse Director
 *Ms Sheila Cowan, NHS Non-Executive Board Member
 *Neil McAleese, NHS Non-Executive Board Member
 *Councillor Neill Watts, East Ayrshire Council
**signifies a voting member*

In Attendance:

Ms Marion MacAulay, Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services
 Mr Erik Sutherland, Head of Locality Health & Care
 Ms Debbie McGill, Head of Primary and Urgent Care
 Mr Alex McPhee, Interim Chief Financial Officer
 Mr Jim Murdoch, Senior Manager Wellbeing and Recovery
 Ms Dale Meller, Senior Manager Public Protection & Learning
 Ms Amanda McInnes, Senior Manager Business Support
 Ms Julie Ross-Binning, Senior Business Support Officer
 Mr Neil Kerr, ADP independent Chair
 Ms Fiona Pirrie, CEO, East Ayrshire Carers Centre (IJB Stakeholder Representative)
 Ms Moira Fenton, Health & Wellbeing Partnership Manager CVO
 Ms Lindsay Kerr, OT Service Manager (East)
 Ms Diane Gill, Unison Representative
 Ms Isabella Paton, IJB Stakeholder Forum Representative
 Diane Langley, Violence Against Women and Girls Lead Officer – Protection and Learning Team

Alison Anderson, Committee Secretary (Minutes)

Agenda	Discussion	Action
1.	<p><u>Welcome & Apologies</u></p> <p>Dr Sukhomoy Das welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Allina Das and Laura McGarrity.</p> <p>Diane Langley, Violence Against Women and Girls Lead Officer, Debbie McGill, Head of Primary and Urgent Care, and Lindsay Kerr (attending on behalf of AHP Senior Manager) were welcomed to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>GOOD NEWS STORY – Campaign on Sexual Exploitation</u></p> <p>Ms Diane Langley delivered a presentation on the Campaign on Sexual Exploitation, and thereafter answered questions from the IJB.</p> <p>Dr Das thanked Diane for her presentation and noted the current difficulties and challenges within our society around this topic. Thanks was given for the work that has been undertaken and the training that is available for staff.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declaration Of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4.	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 December 2024 <p>The minutes were approved as an accurate record of discussions.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p><u>Council and NHS Board Climate Change Reports</u> Action closed.</p> <p><u>Q2 Whistleblowing Report (1 July – 30 September 24)</u> Action closed.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Financial Management Report – Month 9 – 2024/25</u></p> <p>Mr Alex McPhee presented the Financial Management Report (Month 9) 2024/25 to provide details of the projected outturn position for the East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership for 2024/25, based upon the current financial position as at 31 December 2025 (Month 9) and including movements on the Annual Budget 2024/25 approved by the IJB on 20 March 2024. The report highlights risks around anticipated delivery of approved Financial Recovery Plan savings in the current year, as well as additional cash releasing efficiency savings approved as part of the budget for 2024/25, and confirmation of funds within the IJB Reserve.</p>	

	<p>The report also provided a summary of the projected outturn position on services managed under pan-Ayrshire Lead Partnership / Hosted Services arrangements, as well as information on Acute Services budgets in relation to the large hospitals Set Aside resource within the scope of the Strategic Plan.</p> <p>It was noted that £4m has been provided by East Ayrshire Council to help support services within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) in the current year.</p> <p>Ms Jennifer Wilson thanked Alex for the clear and transparent report and noted similar budget pressures being faced by NHS Ayrshire and Arran.</p> <p>Ms Sheila Cowan advised that the Audit and Performance Committee has been holding additional meetings to scrutinise the Financial Recovery Plan process and to help mitigate any risks identified.</p> <p>Further discussion on the Budget for 2025/26 is scheduled for the IJB Development Session on 5 March 2025.</p> <p>Dr Das recognised the significant challenges in delivering the Financial Recovery Plan process, and the sacrifices requiring to be made now and in the future.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Note the 2024/25 projected outturn position for East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership at 31 December 2024, including specific key actions on significant variances; (ii) Note that this projected outturn position includes anticipated achievement of Financial Recovery Plan savings for 2024/25 totalling £3.914m which, alongside additional demand are key risks, and will require to be monitored closely over the remainder of the financial year; (iii) Note the current position in respect of IJB Reserve balances; (iv) Note progress towards achievement of additional cash releasing efficiency savings which been approved for 2024/25; (v) Note the projected outturn position in respect of services managed under pan-Ayrshire Lead Partnership / Hosted Services arrangements; (vi) Note the current position in respect of large hospital Set Aside budgets; (vii) Note the high level indicative additional funding gap for 2025/26; and, (viii) Note underlying risk factors and consequences which will potentially impact in 2024/25 and going forward. 	
7.	<p><u>Continuation/Extension of Contractual Arrangements</u></p> <p>Ms Dale Meller presented the report to seek approval for eight East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (EAHSCP) services in respect</p>	

	<p>of new contractual arrangements, extensions to existing contracts, contracts coming to an end and those coming to an end and being re-tendered over the period 2025-26.</p> <p>The eight areas of service are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Framework for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Care at Home; • Adult Framework for Community Supports; • Adult Residential Respite Services; • Adult Supported Accommodation at Andrew Nisbet Place; • Social Work Information Case Management Information System; • Ayrshire Self Directed Support (SDS) Independent Advice & Information Service; • East Ayrshire Community Based Supports (Counselling); • Adult Framework for Supported Accommodation. <p>The total estimated combined value over the lifetime of all contracts across EAHSCP is at present £57.088M.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Receive the report; (ii) Approve funding to continue contractual arrangements and re-tendered contracts with providers from 1 April 2025 as detailed; (iii) Issue a Direction to East Ayrshire Council in respect of the contractual arrangements; and, (iv) Task relevant Officers with issuing as appropriate extension/termination notice documentation and with undertaking work to develop commissioning in line with the Partnership Provider Statement during the period as appropriate. 	
8.	<p><u>ADP Strategic Improvement Plan 2024-27</u></p> <p>Mr Neil Kerr presented the report to provide members of the IJB with information and details about the new East Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategic Improvement Plan 2024-27.</p> <p>The plan aims to improve the lives of people in East Ayrshire who use alcohol and/or drugs as well as their families, loved ones, and the wider community. The plan is aligned to the Scottish Government's national framework on alcohol and drugs and has been developed to reflect the specific needs, challenges, and opportunities specific to communities within East Ayrshire. Work will also be undertaken to ensure that the plan complies with the aims and ambitions of the new National Collaborative Charter of Rights for People Affected by Substance Use.</p>	

	<p>The ADP is supported and funded via the IJB from the existing alcohol and drug resources allocated by The Scottish Government and East Ayrshire Council. ADP funding will be invested in the key improvement areas of the plan.</p> <p>Dr Das thanked Neil for the update and noted the important work that continues to take place in the community.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Note and consider the content, direction and ambitions of the Strategic Improvement Plan 2024-27; and, II. Accept periodic updates, as appropriate, in relation to how the 3 x Improvement Plans are impacting on community wellbeing, safety and economy and skills in East Ayrshire. 	
9.	<p><u>Governance Report – Audit and Performance Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>Mr Craig McArthur presented the report to provide the Integration Joint Board with an update on governance arrangements in respect of the annual review of the Audit and Performance Committee’s Terms of Reference, and IJB membership.</p> <p>The IJB programme of review of governance arrangements is set out in the Integration Scheme and detailed in the respective Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR for a number of committees are currently being reviewed as part of the annual programme and will be presented to the IJB for approval as they are completed.</p> <p>The Audit and Performance Committee reviewed the ToR for the committee at its meeting on 28 January 2025 and confirmed no changes are required.</p> <p>It was also noted within the report that the IJB Stakeholder Forum have confirmed that Ms Irene Allan has stepped down from her role as Carers Representative on the IJB and further recruitment is underway, recognising the importance of the voice of carers on the IJB.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approve the Terms of Reference; and, ii. Note the change to membership; 	
13.	<p><u>Governance Papers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 30 OCTOBER 2024 • HEALTH, CARE & GOVERNANCE GROUP – 16 MAY 2024 • RESILIENCE GROUP – 21 OCTOBER 2024 	
14.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <p>Nothing further for discussion.</p>	

15.	<p><u>Date Of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>05 March 2025 at 2pm, Council Chambers/ MS Teams (Development Session)</p> <p>19 March 2025, Council Chambers/ MS Teams (Full Meeting)</p>	
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